



**Minutes of Meeting  
CITIZENS' EFFICIENCY COMMISSION  
August 21, 2013**

**ATTENDANCE**

**Citizens' Efficiency Commissioners**

	Jeff Adkisson		Frank McNeil
X	Daniel Cadigan	X	Mike Murphy
X	Jim Cimarossa	X	Drinda O'Connor
X	Josh Collins		Ken Page
X	Jerry Crabtree	X	Robert Plunk
	Gary Crompton	X	Kent Redfield
X	James Donelan		J. D. Sudeth
X	Kevin Dorsey		Kenley Wade, Sr.
X	Cliff Erwin	X	Joan Walters
X	Bob Gray		Robert Wesley
X	Karen Hasara		
	Marilyn Kushak		

Others

Norm Sims- SSCRPC  
Jeff Fulgenzi- SSCRPC  
Amy Uden- SSCRPC

Carol Kulek-Volunteer  
Richard Treat- SCTOA

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson Karen Hasara called the meeting of the Citizens' Efficiency Commission to order and welcomed commissioners and guests.

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Chair Hasara asked for approval of the July minutes. Mr. Cliff Erwin made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Dan Cadigan seconded the motion and the minutes were approved.

**III. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Chair Hasara invited members of the public to comment. There were no comments from the members of the public attending the meeting.

**IV. REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES:**

**Report of the Chair**

Chair Hasara noted that Marilyn Kushak recently had an editorial in the SJR and Cliff Erwin will have one in the paper in September. There was also an article about the trip to Indianapolis. Chair Hasara emphasized the importance letting the community know what the CEC is accomplishing.



Chair Hasara asked Mr. Robert Plunk to give a report on the trip to Indianapolis. Mr. Plunk explained that city and county governments in Indianapolis and Marion County merged by expanding the corporate limits of Indianapolis to the county line. There were a few incorporated areas that were exempt from the merger. It was noted that most of the city and county departments merged several decades ago, but police and fire departments have not begun to explore consolidation until recently. Several members of the commission shared their perspective, highlights of the trip and lessons learned.

Mr. Mike Murphy reported that there were fourteen municipalities represented at the mayor's meeting, with nine CEC members attending. There was good dialog, with the mayors and village presidents realizing that many communities have the same concerns, and that together they may be able to develop solutions. Three mayors have agreed to review the by-laws and come up with a formal structure for organization that will be presented at the next meeting.

With the end of the term quickly approaching, staff presented some changes to the regular meeting schedule. Mr. Murphy moved to approve changes to the schedule as written and Mr. Josh Collins seconded the motion. The motion passed. Chair Hasara encouraged committees to look at scheduling more meetings as needed in order to get final recommendations to the commission by the November 18 deadline. It was asked if the commissioners need to be reappointed because their 2 year terms were coming to an end. Mr. Norm Sims interpreted the ordinance to mean that the appointing jurisdictions can replace a commissioner at the end of the term if needed, but that commissioners are to continue to serve until replaced. It was noted that all recommendations must be voted on by November 18, 2013 but that the commission can continue through November 2014 in order finish its final report.

#### **Administrative, Management, and Budget Committee:**

Vice-chair Jerry Crabtree reported on behalf of Chair Marilyn Kushak that there is a recommendation from his committee that will be voted on later in the meeting. He noted that Dr. Redfield continues to work on a publications recommendation.

Next Committee Meeting Monday, September 9, 2013, 11:30 am; SSRPC Conference Room 212.

#### **Community Development Committee:**

Committee Chair Erwin noted that his committee continues to work on the implementation of the higher education and local units of government recommendation. He reported that there was a productive meeting of the universities' leaders earlier this month.

In the area of duplication of services between Sangamon County Community Resources and Capitol Township, Mr. Erwin shared that Mr. Collins found eight areas where services are duplicated, though the two entities have different jurisdictions and funding sources. He reported that SSRPC staff would follow up on this research with the Capital Township supervisor.



Mr. Erwin also reported that his committee met with Mr. Dustin Day of Tri-City School District about shared curriculum. Mr. Day has discovered an inexpensive online curriculum that allows his students access to classes that are not otherwise offered at the school. The committee will further pursue these concepts and whether they can be expanded across districts.

Finally, Mr. Erwin shared a white paper from the committee on Public Transit-Pupil Transportation. The white paper details the committee's research on opportunities to reduce transportation costs through increasing cooperation with the Springfield Mass Transit District, and is intended to inform future discussions.

Next Committee Meeting: Thursday, September 12, 2013, 3:00 pm; Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce Conference Room.

#### **Public Safety Committee:**

Committee Chair Bob Gray explained that his committee continues to work in the areas of law enforcement, fire protection and emergency services. He noted that smaller communities are having a difficult time funding law enforcement and are looking for economical alternatives. His committee meets next week and will probably meet twice a month in September and October.

Next Committee Meeting: September 4, 2013, 3:00 pm; Sangamon County Farm Bureau.

#### **Public Works Committee:**

Committee Chair Jim Donelan reported that his committee met with the city of Springfield in regard to converting city vehicles to propane. So far twenty-four city vehicles have been converted. He noted that Springfield is also working on a garage consolidation project, and that the committee had learned about these efforts in relation to the Parts Inventory/Supply Management recommendation it is currently developing.

The committee is also working with Sangamon County officials and City of Springfield officials to discuss cooperative actions related to recycling programs, and will discuss these efforts further at the next meeting. Mr. Donelan also reported that in the area of sewers, the committee will be meeting with Mark Mahoney and possibly Gregg Humphrey next week to discuss City/SMSD cooperation. Finally, Miss Amy Uden updated the CEC on research opportunities related to energy efficiency and electric aggregation that are available for the CEC's participation through the Joyce Foundation.

Next Committee Meeting: Monday, August 26, 3:00 pm; SSCRPC Conference Room.



**V. NEW BUSINESS**

Commissioner Crabtree presented the following recommendation on Group Financing and Capital Planning:

*The CEC recommends that local governments in Sangamon County develop capital plans, and work on an individual basis to utilize the services of the Central Illinois Economic Development Authority (CIEDA) where appropriate. The CEC further recommends that, as possible, local governments work within these plans and with CIEDA assistance to coordinate capital projects so that opportunities for group bonding and financing may be explored.*

The committee discussed the recommendation, and noted that a presentation had been made to regional mayors and village presidents to discuss with them the importance of capital planning and the opportunities that exist for local governments to reduce the bonding costs for these projects by using the CIEDA tool either collectively or individually. Mr. Dan Cadigan made a motion to approve the recommendation and Mr. Donelan seconded the motion. The recommendation was approved.

Commission Chair Hasara asked if there was any other new business. There was none.

Mr. Norm Sims noted that the Commission's recommendation on higher education was referenced and highlighted in EfficientGov.com. This is the third CEC recommendation noted in EfficientGov.com, a nationwide resource for municipal leaders.

**Next meeting date—September 25, 2013 at 3:00 PM, Location to be the Hoogland Center for the Arts.**

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further comments, Chair Hasara called for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Donelan made the motion with Mr. Plunk seconding. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jane Lewis  
Acting as Recording Secretary